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DONALD MILLER,

Plaintiff,

v.

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation,

Defendant.

NO. C02-951P

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: The Honorable Judges of the United States District Court for the
Western District of Washington at Seattle:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332 and 1441, Defendant Qwest Corporation,
(hereinafter, Qwest) by and through its attorneys, hereby removes this action to this Court
from the Superior Court of the State of Washington for King County. In support of this
Notice, Qwest respectfully states:

STATE COURT ACTION

1. Qwest, mistakenly identified in the caption as Qwest Communication
Corporation, is the defendant in this action. Plaintiff filed his Complaint on or about March

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2 27, 2002. It is still pending in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for King
3 County, as Cause No. 02-2-08954-2SEA. Qwest received a copy of the Summons and
4 Complaint for Damages on March 28, 2002. There are no other defendants named in the
5 Complaint. No further proceedings in this dispute have been had in the Superior Court of the
6 State of Washington for King County.
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10 2. This action is a civil action brought by an employee of Qwest, Donald Miller,
11 alleging gender, race and age discrimination in violation of state and federal law.
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FEDERAL QUESTIONS

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15 3. Among his claims, plaintiff alleges that Qwest discriminated against him in
16 violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e), and
17 the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. § 633a *et seq.*
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20 4. This Court should not decline to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over
21 plaintiff's state law claims under 28 U.S.C. section 1337(c), because this Court has jurisdiction
22 over plaintiff's claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1332 as well as pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
23 section 1331. Additionally, plaintiff's claims under state law rest on the same facts as his
24 claims under federal law, the Complaint does not raise any novel or complex issues of state
25 law, no state law claim substantially predominates over the federal claims, and there are no
26 other compelling reasons for declining jurisdiction over plaintiff's state law claims.
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DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP

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30 5. Based on a reading of the Complaint, and on information and belief, plaintiff is,
31 and has been since this action was commenced, a citizen and resident of the state of
32 Washington. Plaintiff asserts residence in King County.
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6. Qwest is, and has been since this action was commenced, a corporation incorporated in Colorado with its principal place of business in Denver, Colorado, and is not a citizen of Washington.

7. Plaintiff's claims involve an amount in controversy in excess of \$75,000,
exclusive of interest and costs. While plaintiff's Complaint does not set forth the dollar
amount prayed for, a reasonable person reading the Complaint would conclude that plaintiff
seeks damages in an amount greater than the \$75,000 jurisdictional amount of this Court. 28
U.S.C. § 1332(a); L.R. 101(a). Defendant's good faith belief that plaintiff is seeking damages
in excess of \$75,000 is based on a reading of the Complaint, including, but not limited to,
plaintiff's claims for punitive damages, compensatory damages for "pain and suffering,"
penalties for early withdrawals from a deferred compensation savings account, and attorney's
fees

ACTION REMOVABLE

8 Based on paragraphs 3-7, *supra*, plaintiff asserts claims within the original jurisdiction of the federal district courts, making this entire action removable. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1441. This Court is the District Court for the United States for the district and division embracing the place where the state court action is pending, and is therefore the appropriate court for removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

9 Qwest first received a copy of the Complaint for Damages in this action on
March 28, 2002. This notice is filed within thirty days of such receipt as required by
28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

PLEADINGS FILED

10 Copies of all process and pleadings filed in this case and found in the files of the Superior Court of the State of Washington for King County are attached to the Certificate of Attorney filed with this Notice.

THEREFORE, Qwest now removes this action from the Superior Court to this Court.

DATED: April 26, 2002.

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